

# July 24th, 2022

*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

## *Order of Worship*

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude            The Power of Love

Bullock/Holstein

Candlelighting

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the place, O God, and this is the time!

**People: Here and now you wait to break into our  
experience.**

Leader: To change our minds, to change our attitudes, to  
change our ways, to change our lives!

**People: To help us see the whole of life with your eyes and  
hear your Word for our own time!**

Leader: To help us smell the fragrance of your glory, to breathe  
in the freshness of your Holy Spirit.

**People: To help us reach out and touch the face of Jesus,  
to feel your healing touch and taste your mercy!**

Leader: To discover you in the unexpected, to worship you with  
our whole selves!

**People: Come, Spirit of God, we await your power and your  
presence! Amen!**

\*Hymn #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves to praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor; lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word,  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

### Call to Confession

Leader: Let us seek together the renewal of our minds and the transformation of our hearts. May God bless to us the spiritual growth that comes from honest wrestling with sin. Let us pray:

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Be courageous, friends in Christ, to walk forward in faith, not looking back on sins sincerely confessed to God, for they are forgiven. Seize this opportunity to bravely step forward into God's promises for abundant life through the vision borne by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God for his leadership and lordship!**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson      Luke 22:24-30

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn 719      Come, Labor On

Come, labor on.  
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
"Go work today."

Come, labor on.  
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on.  
Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here.  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill  
God's righteous will.

Come, labor on.  
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
"Well done, well done!"

Second Scripture Lesson      Jeremiah 7:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon    “Basilica and *Basilea*”

Offering

Offertory                      Be Thou My Vision

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #310    I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Setting by Joel Raney

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

\*Benediction

Postlude    Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Setting by John Carter

***Flowers this morning are given by Linda Zucaro  
in loving memory of her sister, Cynthia Pietsch***

## Worship Leaders

<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Elder Joyce Davies</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Team D</b>
<b>Zoom Host:</b>	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b> <b>John Palframan</b>
<b>Organ and Piano:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	<b>Joyce Davies, Nancy Lee,</b> <b>and Carol Streeper</b>

## Church Staff

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Sexton:</b>	<b>Douglas Silk</b>
<b>Office Administrator:</b>	<b>Diane Suarez</b>

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### National Parks Road Trip - August Worship Theme

- Do you have a meaningful photo of a trip to one of our National Parks?
- Do know a park well enough to give a brief introduction about its natural wonders and why people are drawn to it?
- Do you have a short story about a park experience that you felt was a kind of spiritual experience (perhaps of awe, tranquility, gratitude, joy, peace?)
- We are collecting photos for our bulletin board for display in August.

Pastor Katja is choosing 4 parks to highlight in August as sermon illustrations, based on where you've been and what you have to share, and taking inspiration from the book "America's Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on our National Parks" by Brad Lyons and Bruce Barkhauer. Let Pastor Katja know if you'd like to participate and which park you'd love to share something about

### Food Drive

With food prices continuing to rise, many in our community need the support of our local food pantries. Please support the Deacon food drive for the Eatontown Co-op. Below is the list of current items they need:

- Ensure
- Snacks
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Snack sized chips
- Jello
- Cake/  
cookie mix
- Jiffy Muffin Mix
- Canned pineapple
- Canned pears
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tomato sauce
- Knorr sides
- Instant Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Chef boy r dee
- Beans
- Soup
- Cereal
- Pasta

### No Joe Show

We are looking for volunteers to provide cold beverages and light snacks for our social hour after church on Sunday's over the summer. This will be in the Social Room at the Church. Please click on the link on our website, call the church office at 732.747.3557, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Room.

## Meeting Schedule Week of July 24th

24	JUL, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (Social Room)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
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25	JUL, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Yoga (Studio)
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26	JUL, TUE	● 7 – 9pm	CROP walk summer meeting (FH)
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28	JUL, THU	● 7 – 8pm	Yoga Small Group ( FH)
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